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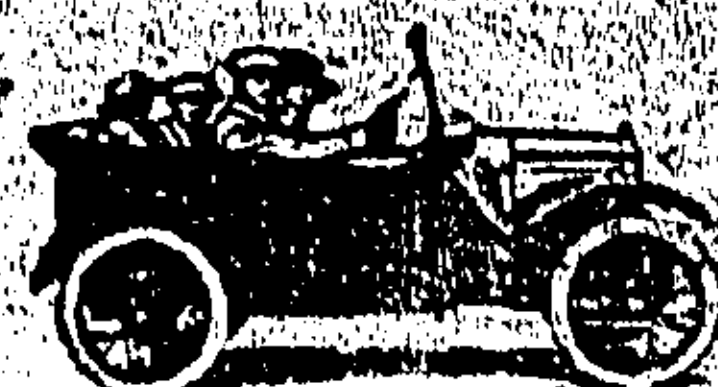
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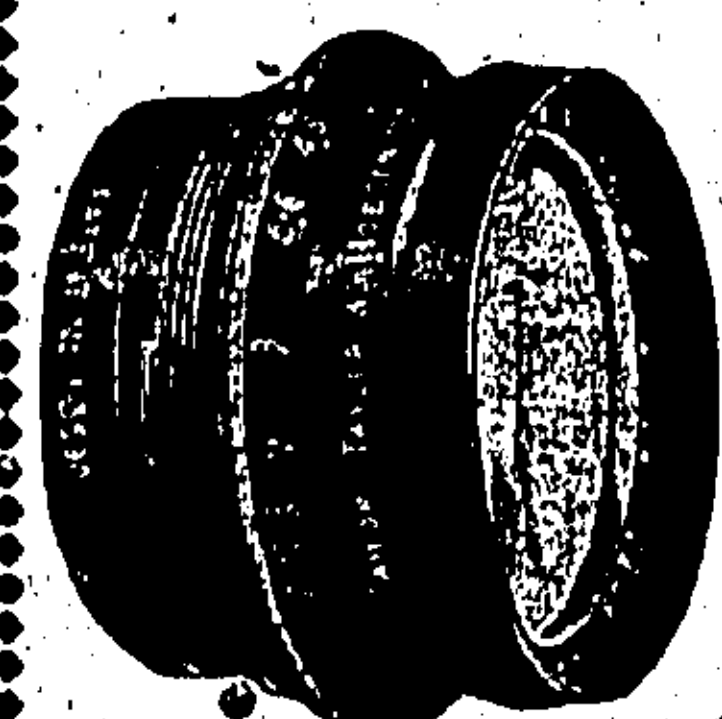
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ANOTHER ROBBERY.

WELL KNOWN STORE RAIDED.

BOOTY WORTH \$13,000.

Were The Thieves Scared Away By a Dog?

Robbers broke into a city store last night and secured booty worth \$13,000. They might have secured more, it is thought, but for the barking of a dog.

The robbery is none the less daring than the two effected some months ago at the establishments of Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co., Ltd., of Des Vaux Road Central, and Messrs. Lock Hing & Co., of Queen's Road Central. This occurrence is all the more remarkable in that the premises raided were those of Messrs. A. Tack & Co., 26, Des Vaux Road Central, a few doors away from Whiteaway's and just at the back of Lock Hing's shop, and, of course, in the business centre.

The business of Messrs. A. Tack and Co., is mostly in high-class cameras, lenses and jewellery, the store moreover handling other lines of merchandise. At 6 o'clock last evening the shutters were drawn across the front show windows, the shop was closed, and the manager (Mr. Au Ki) retired to his residence on the top floor of the building. A member of the staff slept on the ground floor of the premises, the only occupant being Mr. Au Ki's dog which he had been in the habit of locking in every night.

On the shop being opened by the manager at 8 o'clock this morning, the mark of the robber was evident on the desks and counters which were littered with jewellery trays removed from the show cases. Altogether four show cases and two desks were opened and their contents taken out for selection. An assortment of jewellery in a part of the show window at the doorway also came in for the attention of the robbers. Owing to the presence of wooden shutters outside the glass window, the robbers were able to carry on their work without attracting the attention of the watchman on the pavement or passers-by.

It is believed that the robbers climbed the scaffolding put up for the renovation of the old P. and O. building next to Whiteaway's and then got to the roof of the adjoining building on the ground floor of which is the Dragon Motor Livery Service and the Victoria Café. From there it is just a walk over to the roof of A. Tack's premises which is on a slightly higher elevation. Just here there is a narrow lane sufficient for a man to walk along. Lowering themselves from an opening on the zinc roof, the men got to the lane. A flimsy wooden shutter was burst open and a narrow passage serving as a lavatory down the side of the building was gained. The only obstruction was a door with zinc sheeting bolted from the inside, but not secured with a lock. A sheet was levered sufficiently to get a hand through and the bolt drawn back.

THE LOOT.

The value of the haul secured by the robbers is estimated at \$13,000. Amongst the articles removed were gold and platinum watches, bracelet watches, also in gold and platinum, diamond earrings, diamond brooches, and gold fountain pens and pencils.

In a conversation with the manager of the establishment, the impression was gained that the robbers were apparently disturbed in their search and left without securing everything they wanted. It was the habit of the dog to bark at night, and only a few nights before the manager had come down to investigate and found nothing wrong. Between two and three o'clock this morning, the manager was roused by the barking of the dog, but he presumed it to be the usual thing, and did not take the trouble to go below. That the thieves took to flight before completing their work is apparent from a number of expensive watches and other goods contained in other show cases to say nothing of the array of lenses and cameras left untouched. In addition five iron safes containing money and articles of jewellery were intact.

The exit was effected the same way. A police search this morning resulted in the discovery of a leather suit case on the roof of the next building. An inspection of the inside of these goods disclosed that two suit cases and a collar box were missing. Apparently two of the packages proved safe.

sufficient to hold the loot and the other suit case was discarded.

It was mentioned by the manager that four men had paid frequent visits to the shop until a few days ago. They inspected gold and platinum watches and jewellery, and evinced a desire to see everything in this line. No purchase was made by the men, although every time they came in they haggled about the prices. The men were dressed in Chinese costume with overcoats in European style.

In spite of a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to arrest and conviction and a percentage on recovered property, no arrest has yet been made in the Lock

PIRATE ATTACK.

British Gunboat Intervenes

LAUNCH RESCUED.

RESPECT FOR RED ENSIGN ENFORCED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkai, Kongmoon, March 25. H.M.S. Moorhea, intervened when a launch flying the British flag was seized for "commandeered". Two rounds were fired by the gunboat across the bow of the launch, which then swung to and was given up. The launch was subsequently detained by the Moorhea.

Passengers for Hongkong from up-country ports received their baptism of fire through running the gauntlet for half an hour in a slow boat. From the ports of Kungyick, Suncheong and Cheungsha, the tow-boat was making for this port to catch the Hongkong-bound steamers. When near Sam Kong Hau, about three miles from Kongmoon, she was

FERRY FACILITIES.

NEW SERVICE FOR VEHICLES.

JORDAN ROAD SCHEME.

Another Opening For Private Enterprise.

Some aspects of the problem of catering by ferry for the increasing population on the Kowloon side have already been dealt with. "In the meantime," people are enquiring, "what of the new ferry service?"

Since Mr. J. Duncan, M. Inst. C.E., Chartered Civil Engineer and Port Engineer, Hongkong, made his recommendation regarding the necessity for the provision of more transport facilities across the harbour for lorries and motor cars, as well as passengers, very little has been heard on the subject and the opinion has even been expressed that the Government had abandoned the scheme.

The "China Mail" understands that this is far from being correct, however. The Government, it would appear, never contemplated being directly responsible for the scheme but having caused to be made public the lines along which

such a scheme should develop, would leave to private enterprise the rest, with, presumably, the levying of some sort of charge.

Both the Government and Chamber of Commerce would appear to be at one in the opinion that the most urgent of all the proposed works in connection with the development of the port is that of vehicular and passenger service between Jubilee Road, Hongkong and Jordan Road, Kowloon. It was stated definitely at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce that reclamation work is actually to be proceeded with.

The benefits of such a service have been emphasised from time to time, the chief of them being that only a limited district is better served by a ferry service at Kowloon Point and that that district may possibly be more or less given up to wharves and godowns in the near future.

The "Star" ferry will continue to serve, as it does now, a most useful purpose but the new service, if and when it comes into being, will cater for people who do not want to be landed at Kowloon Point, which is a mile from Yau-mai and the vicinity of Jordan Road where the principal development of the Colony is taking place and which is the strategic centre for traffic purposes, being equidistant from Mongkoktau, Hungghom and Kowloon Point.

The Chairman of the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce the other day stated that this additional means of communication would facilitate the rapid and efficient transport of goods and contribute towards the amelioration of housing difficulties, and he was no doubt thinking of the effects consequent on a better distribution of the population, as well as that of the reduction in the cost of materials.

The "China Mail" understands that the necessary soil for making the reclamation is available at a convenient spot.

The next move is awaited with interest.

TO-DAY'S WEDDING.

SHANGHAI SKIPPER MARRIED.

The wedding took place quietly to-day at St. John's Cathedral of Capt. Alexander Vernon Harcourt of Shanghai and Miss Ilma Saul who arrived in the Colony this morning from Australia.

Capt. Harcourt is a master mariner of the Asiatic Petroleum Company and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Harcourt of Hobart, Tasmania. Miss Saul is the daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Saul of Frederickton, McLay River N.S.W.

Mr. L. Rose gave the bride away and Capt. Winkler was best man. The Rev. T. B. Powell officiated.

There were no bridesmaids. A few friends were entertained after the ceremony and the bride and bridegroom are leaving shortly for Shanghai.

CRUISING FOR HEALTH.



Here is the latest portrait study of His Majesty the King taken not long before the illness which has compelled him to leave England for a cruise in the Mediterranean.

Hing robbery. The culprits took with them, in addition to the jewellery, etc., a bundle of title deeds and promissory notes. The deeds are for property in Chinese territory, valued at over \$30,000. Up till now, there has been no trace of the documents but nobody has been rash enough to come forward to claim the estates.

\$21,000 LOOT.

ARMED MEN RAID LANTAO

WOMAN KILLED

Extending their raids to British territory, an armed gang early yesterday morning attacked the village of Tai O, Lantau Island, where they killed a woman and wounded two men besides taking away with them loot valued at over \$21,000.

The bandits arrived in a small launch, with rifles, revolvers, hatchets and daggers, and went through thirty-five houses before leaving, when they towed away a long boat in which the booty was put. They were last seen making for the direction of the Canton River.

As the Police Station was about a mile away, a message was soon got through. Mr. F. C. Woods, D.S.P., Mr. E. H. V. Booth, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, and Divisional Inspector Angus of the Water Police went out in a launch. Detective Sub-Inspector Andrew was now making investigations on the spot.

SHOTS AT SHIP?

That the Hongkong steamer Leung Kwong had been fired at between Whangmoon and Kongmoon early yesterday morning, is the gist of an unconfirmed report which has reached the China Mail's Pakkai correspondent.

Further information was sought locally but without result.

The Leung Kwong has been on the Wushow run but latterly has piled regularly between Kongmoon and Hongkong. She carries both passengers and cargo.

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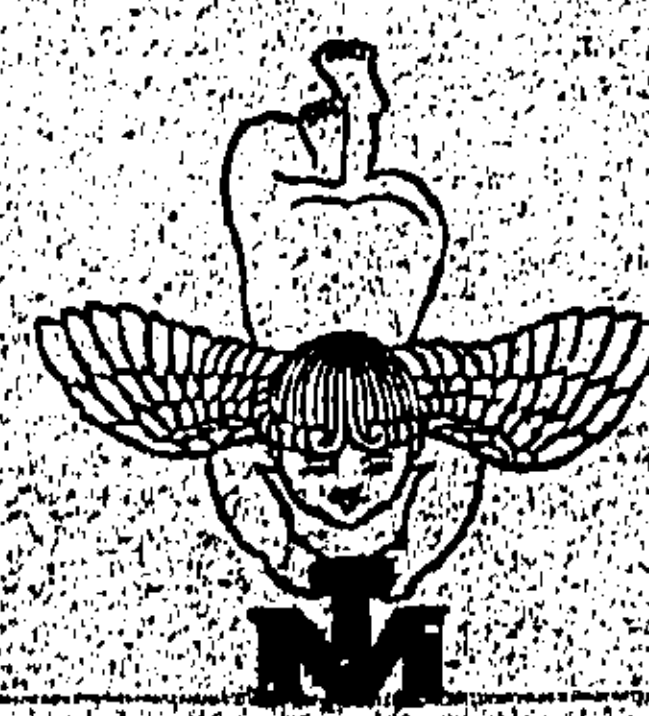
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Foreigners have always died of these diseases owing to failure to find a remedy.

Of late Dr. Sun Yat Sen is suffering from cancer of the liver which is a phase of one of the above mentioned diseases. Those suffering from this disease will gradually develop fever, nervous pain, urinary troubles, loss of appetite, dysentery and vomiting.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifty-sixth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 27th March, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1924.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 13th to the 27th March 1925, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 7th March, 1925.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 30th March, 1925, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th to the 30th March 1925, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. M. DYER,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1925.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Forty-seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on TUESDAY, the 31st March, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 17th to the 31st March 1925, both days inclusive.

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General Agents.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1925.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at The Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th April, 1925, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1924, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 1st April, 1925, until Wednesday, the 8th April, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BARTHOLOMEW,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1925.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, 11th and MONDAY, 13th April, 1925, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, 28th March 1925.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1925.



PUBLIC NOTICE.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 30th day of March, 1925, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of CROWN LAND near Kaitia Bay in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 70 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 70 years.

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FINGER-PRINTS

CRIME A QUESTION OF ENVIRONMENT

Superintendent C. S. Collins, who is retiring from Scotland Yard after devoting thirty-five years or more to the work connected with the identification of criminals, stated that the conclusion at which he has arrived as the result of all his experience, is that crime is largely a question of environment. Improve that, he said, do away with slums, and petty crime, at any rate, would be reduced considerably.

As chief of the Central Finger-Print Bureau, he has seen a far greater number of criminals identified than was ever possible before the perfection of the present system. The effect of this identification has been to give longer terms of punishment to old offenders. Four hundred thousand printing ink sets of finger impressions have been taken in the past quarter of a century. Ten per cent. have been those of women. In children's courts the system is not in force.

By the finger-print system Supt. Collins said previous records against criminals, no matter what name they may give, are discovered in a few minutes. If, as sometimes happens, prisoners refuse to have an impression taken they are sent to jail, and the warders are instructed to do the work. Since the introduction of the system 250,000 identifications have been made at the bureau.

Superintendent Collins discounted the theory that the finger-print method was used by the Chinese thousands of years ago, but said that in his researches he had come across instances where the Japanese had used finger-prints as a means of attestation of documents.

In reply to a question he said that during the whole of his career he had never come across any complete impressions of finger-prints which were alike. It was a certainty that by the finger-print method they could identify a person. It was probable that in small sections of the finger similar characteristics could be reproduced, but never so far as a complete impression was concerned. It was not at all probable that they would ever get two complete prints which were identical. He added that it was only during the last hundred years that the science of finger-prints had made anything in the nature of rapid strides.

Superintendent Collins followed the work of Sir William Herschell, who, as a Civil Servant in India, got the natives to attach their finger-prints to documents. The work was then carried a little further by Sir Francis Galton, and Superintendent Collins took up the work where it was left by them. Neither of them had then developed the system as a means of identification.

Superintendent Collins also invented a system of telegraphing, by means of a code, finger-prints to other countries. There is a great deal of research work still to be done, and Supt. Collins intends to devote his spare time to it.

Tokio, March 25.—The Budget was accepted by the Lower House on an explanation by the Peers that the amendment was proposed purely on technical grounds and was not directed as a vote of censure on the Minister of Education.—Courtesy of the "Daily Bulletin."

HUSH! BATTLESHIPS

AMERICAN STORIES OF BRITISH AEROPLANES

Weird and wonderful details of the new British battleships, Nelson and Rodney, continue to appear in the American Press, says the Naval correspondent of the Daily News.

We have already learned from this quarter the reputed dimensions, speed, armour, and armament of the vessels, but now comes a more startling revelation. A Washington dispatch states that much interest has been aroused in the capital by reports that each battleship is to carry 80 aeroplanes.

High officials of the Government, no less than United States naval officers, we learn, are discussing this news, and speculating as to its significance. They want to know whether the Nelson and Rodney are battleships or aircraft-carriers, and while the naval officers are apparently satisfied that they are battleships, some officials hold them to be a compromise between both types.

They admit, however, that the British Admiralty "is within the letter of the Washington Treaty in putting as many planes on them as they can carry."

EXAGGERATED.

American naval experts are further quoted as being "not much worried" over the prospect of the two new British battleships carrying a large number of aeroplanes.

Their equanimity is due to the fact that even the very few aeroplanes carried by American battleships have proved a source of trouble, as on several occasions they have been seriously damaged by the discharge of the big guns.

It is, however, quite certain that the number of aircraft which this latest American report attributes to the new British battleships is grossly exaggerated.

The ships, it is true, will displace 35,000 tons, and have a length of 702 ft. with a beam of 105 ft.; but according to published reports they will mount nine 16 in. guns in triple turrets, besides a numerous battery of 6 in. quick firers, and their armour protection and internal defence will be very extensive.

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS.

There will consequently be no great space left over for aviation equipment. The American estimate of 80 planes, apiece, becomes fantastic when we reflect that neither the Argus nor two ships specially designed as carriers, can accommodate more than 20 aircraft each—or so the text-books say.

The Treaty defines an aircraft carrier as "a vessel of war, with a displacement in excess of 10,000 tons displacement, designed for the specific and exclusive purpose of carrying aircraft."

In view of the tremendous armament to be mounted in the new battleships it is obvious that whatever aeroplanes they may carry will be entirely subsidiary to their cardinal purpose, which is to serve as sea-going platforms for the heaviest naval ordnance.

Peking, March 25.—A conference is beginning to-day at Mukden between the representatives of Mukden and the Soviet for the purpose of discussing the river Sungari problems, and also probably the question of the frontiers of Manchuria and Mongolia.—Courtesy of the "Daily Bulletin."

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B. L. s.s. "Benlawry" from Loh, Middlebrook, Antwerp and London is due to arrive here to-day.

The U. P. s.s. "Empress of Russia" will sail for Manila to-day, at 5 p.m.

The O. P. s.s. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Kobe on Mar. 25 at 5 p.m. It is due to day at 8 p.m. and is due at Yokohama to-morrow at 11 a.m.

The B. F. s.s. "Phœnix" from Liverpool left Singapore on Mar. 21 for Hongkong and is due here to-morrow.

The N. Y. s.s. "Ito Maru" (American Passenger Line) left Kobe for Hongkong via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Mar. 20 and is expected here on Mar. 28.

The B. F. s.s. "Hector" from Liverpool left Suva on Mar. 10 for this port and is due here on or about Mar. 30.

The O. P. s.s. "Empress of Australia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai on Mar. 9 and is due here on Apr. 10.

The B. F. s.s. "Monarch" from Liverpool left Suva on March 17, for Straits, Hongkong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama and is due at this port on April 12.

The D. S. L. s.s. "President Monroe" which is due at this port on April 13, sailed from San Francisco on Mar. 11—on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Mentor" left Liverpool on Mar. 14 for Hongkong, Shanghai, and Kobe and is due at this port on Apr. 16.

The B. F. s.s. "Calchas" from New York left Suva on Mar. 18, for Straits, Philippines and Hongkong and is due at this port on April 18.

The N. Y. s.s. "Rokozaki Maru" (European Passenger Line) left London for Hongkong via Suva on Mar. 14 and is expected here on Apr. 21.

The B. F. s.s. "Dionisi" left Liverpool on Mar. 31 for Straits, Hongkong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about Apr. 23.

The D. S. L. s.s. "President Harrison" which is due at this port on April 27, sailed from New York on March 5—on schedule.

Shanghai, March 25.—With reference to the reports that the Shanghai-Nanking Railway rolling-stock is being brought to the Tsingtao Railway, it is understood that there is no likelihood of any being transferred across the river at present.—Courtesy of the "Daily Bulletin."

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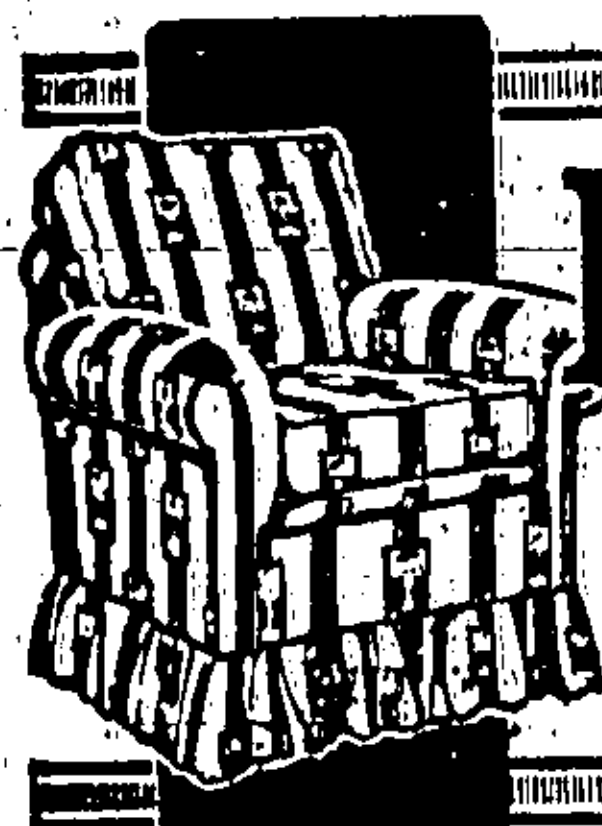
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HORSE-PLAY.

Exactly what occurred in the Star Theatre last night may be a matter of dispute, but there can be no doubt that an "incident" did take place. This incident, which appears to have been the throwing of cushions from the front row of the stalls to one of the boxes, was not in itself very serious. Nobody was hurt, although a lady was struck by one of the missiles. The performance was not even interrupted, as the trouble occurred during the interval. But the fact remains that horse-play was committed in a public theatre before a crowded audience. Making every allowance for high spirits, we feel we must protest strongly against the humour of this misdirected type. Such incidents are to be deplored on many grounds. Even when they take the mildest form, they violate the canons of good manners. They are anything but amusing for the people who have come to enjoy a good entertainment in peace, and they tend in consequence to give a theatre an unpleasant name which it certainly does not deserve. They greatly increase the difficulties of the management which has, of a necessity in such a place as this Colony, to rely a very great deal on its Chinese staff, and they thus invite further incidents of a much more serious character. Finally they set an extremely bad example. However, it is hardly necessary to dwell upon the implications of this

aspect of the matter since they must be plain to everyone who gives the subject a second thought. Therefore, speaking on behalf of the public, we are content to take our stand simply upon the fact that such incidents as that witnessed in the Star Theatre last night, are a deplorable breach of good manners, even when they are no more serious, and we demand that people who will not, or can not, comport themselves properly in a public theatre should stay away, as they are a disgrace to the community and a possible source of serious trouble.

Tipping.

All that we know about Pennsylvania is that it is somewhere in America. That fact has never disturbed us. Our slumbers have been peaceful in spite of Pennsylvania. But the place at a bound, leaps into our affections and imagination. Listen! The lower House of the Legislature there has had presented to it a Bill "designed to prevent tipping." A fine of \$50 (gold) on those convicted is part of the Bill. When will Hongkong put itself in line with P.....vania? The place is in the grip of the tipping evil. Think of the number of those who take breakfast, tiffin, tea and dinner in the places designed for that purpose. Think of the ten cent pieces placed nonchalantly under or on a plate daily—placed there by reason of a hide-bound system that grips us like the flu—and count the daily toll. We say nothing of higher-up-the-scale tips. They should all be abolished, and the person who gives as well as he who receives, should be fined. But don't let it stop at this. There is the fellow who gives and he who accepts, a tip of a sure thing, in Ice House Street. Fine 'em. The fellow who tips his hat at a rakish angle: he who tips his cue with our favourite piece of chalk. There are other specimens doubtless, but these readily occur to the mind. We trust the Hon. Mr. will place Hongkong alongside P.....vania, and introduce an anti-Tipping Bill. It is, like same of our I.O.U.'s—long overdue.

Unprofitable.

Making war unprofitable to prevent it, is the latest idea. It is good one—a very good one. Of that there is no doubt. The idea is that when a war happens all profits made during the war should go to the State. It is a fact that war produces profits for quite a lot of people. Some in Hongkong owe their present largesse to the late Great War. Let them deny it if they can. A war is a terrible thing. It has got to be finished quickly. The only way to finish it quickly is to stop it all

the available men and money and to keep profiteering to the very limit. Surely that was one of the lessons of the last piece of futility? Think of it. "All the available men" would include what is known as armchair critics; Music Hall comedians who, from the safe vantage point of the footlights troll out such things as:—

We don't want to fight, but by jingo if we do.

It would include ministers of religion who, as pulpits generally are the best—certainly the cheapest—encouragers of fighting that the world knows. The list could be extended. And if profits are to be conscripted—then good by to bully beef and bullets. It is a splendid idea. We could wish to see a resolution such as the one below—submitted to the American Senate—brought forward in every place of Government, the world over. Adopting and acting on such a suggestion, there would be peace and plenty for us all. But space for the resolution:—

Resolved, That the Senate approves in principle of the proposition that in the event of war it shall be the policy of the Government to draft not only its man power but its material and industrial resources, in order to prevent profiteering and the amassing of private fortunes out of the prosecution of war.

Listen In.

All that you would have to do in the Homeland to get the benefit of the recent great strides in broadcasting would be to purchase a stout sapling, crystal, variometer and a few odds and ends and, well—there you are. You settle down in a cosy chair and the newspaper boy outside glares malevolently at the outward evidences of your astuteness because you can get all the latest news and much else besides without paying for it and with no strain on the eyes. All the physical exertion needed is a few lazy prods on the crystal with the wire to find a nice sensitive spot and a few turns of the variometer when you get tired of 2LO and want somewhere else. Here, however, the owner of the modest little crystal set gets nothing but Morse and even the fortunate possessor of the bigger sets with valves numbering up to ten—the largest in Hongkong—gets his eardrums nearly burst in an endeavour to get hold of stations as near as Shanghai and Manila. The waves get here all right—there is no doubt about that; but they are so weakened by local physical conditions and disturbances that strong sets are required to pick them up. It would appear that local enthusiasts are inclined to think that more powerful sets than are now available might get over the difficulty. Therefore the results obtained with the large one now completed will be awaited with interest.

"PERFECTLY RIGHT."

DEMURE LITTLE COURT WITNESS.

OF COURSE SHE KNEW.

A "carefully coached" little girl was how Mr. C. A. S. Russ described a "petite" and demure witness in a recent dispute which came before the attention of Mr. Justice Gompertz in the Summary Court this morning.

Mr. Russ represented the Hong Shuk Hing Hong, plaintiffs, and Mr. J. T. P. for the Lam Shui Kee firm, defendants.

The claim was for possession of 32 Staunton Street, a little over a \$100 arrears of rent and mesne profits.

The contention of the defendants was that they had tendered the rent and had refused and of the plaintiffs that some of the arrears had been paid upon the receipt of a solicitor's letter, the rest not until a writ was served.

The demure little girl in question deposed to having presented the money for payment on behalf of the tenant. Getting a little mixed in her dates she became even more perturbed when the question was asked, "do you know what month and what day we are in at present?" Shyly she answered the interpreter, who could not disguise his pleased surprise when he informed His Lordship that she was "perfectly right."

Among the passengers arrived by the s.s. Talma is Mr. Alex. Mellin of the Swedish Gas Accumulator Co. Ltd., of Stockholm for which the Swedish Trading Co. Ltd., are the agents. Various Lighthouses and buoys in the East are supplied with the "AGA" lighting system.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE GONDOLIERS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail).

Sir,—The orchestra comprises 22 players; of those eight are professionals and of the remaining 14, seven belong to the Portuguese community.

In "The Yeomen of the Guard" the proportion was also relatively great. I think, in the avalanche of applause which is greeting the present opera, the fact of this splendid co-operation should not be ignored.

Yours, etc.,

Non-Portuguese.

Hongkong, March 24.

SUNDAY CINEMA HOURS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail).

Sir,—With regard to this Sunday cinema controversy, I wonder if its advocates are really out for the mental relaxation they say that are or whether it is not after all the sensational appeal that attracts them—if my own experience of all these American films we get here is anything to go by, I fail to see where the mental uplift would come in.

If your correspondents are really out for something to employ their thoughts on such a Sunday as last, why don't they devote their energy to the advocating of community singing here after the style of that which is proving so popular in Australia?

In the Amusements Columns' advertisements there—not in the Church notices—it is a very common thing to see such items as this which I call, "To-Morrow, After-Church service, special instrumental music by Westfarmers Studio Orchestra (selections follow) Hearty Community Singing." This latter singing takes very largely the form desired by those who attend, although there is usually a well qualified conductor.

"Psalm singing cant" is how many superior Hongkong persons would term it no doubt and others equally sceptical, although not perhaps unkindly so, may say with a deal of truth that such things would clash too much with the air of artificiality which pervades the place, but rather, I say, some suggestion along these lines than that cinemas should be open on the one day in seven people have the chance of getting out of the realm of artificiality.

Yours, etc.,

TIME IMPROVER.

Hongkong, March 26.

(To the Editor of the China Mail).

Sir,—Until a public spirited person or body takes up the question, the man in the street is ignorant as to why he should be denied a cinema on a Sunday afternoon.

And until somebody takes sufficient interest to ask for the silly law to be repealed, the same ridiculous state of affairs will remain for another generation.

I for one fail to see why any distinction should be made when the highbrows can get all the pleasure they want and the ordinary man cannot even indulge in harmless entertainment which is good enough for a Sunday evening but not for an afternoon.

Yours, etc.,

ANOTHER CHINESE READER.

Hongkong, March 26.

(To the Editor of the China Mail).

Sir, It is pleasing to see the subject of cinemas on Sundays taken up and so warmly supported. The only fear is that the idea may go the way of so many other good ideas—relegated to the limbo of forgetfulness.

Like "A Mere Time-Killer" who wrote in your issue of yesterday's date, I too would like some data as to the date and the reason for banning cinema shows before six p.m. on Sundays.

The least that might be done would be to have matinees, say, about 3.30 p.m. on Sundays—the rest of the day, however wet, could take care of itself. Perhaps the various cinema proprietors could confer and approach the Government for such permission. Admission to be by silver collection and fifty per cent. to be handed over to the Government for local charities.

Yours, etc.,

SUNDAY FREE.

Kowloon, March 26.

HIDDEN ARMS.

For possession of arms hidden amongst some soap and flus in his baggage, a Chinese passenger who arrived yesterday by the Empress of Russia was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000 or to go to jail for one year.

Two revolvers, a rifle and 357 rounds of ammunition made up the seizure. Defendant entered a plea of "guilty" before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

STEAMER AFIRE.

HOLD FLOODED WITH WATER.

DAMAGE NOT KNOWN.

A fire broke out early this morning in the No. 3 hold of the B.L. steamer Talma berthed at No. 1 Kowloon wharf.

The Central Fire Station received a call from Kowloon at 5.13 a.m. The Superintendent, Mr. H. T. Brooks, and Station Officer G. C. Moss hastened to the scene with ten firemen. Two engines from the Kowloon Brigade and two fire-floats were quickly put into action. The ship's mains were also used. Two ships rendered assistance.

The fire was extinguished about 9 o'clock. Under the circumstances the only course possible was to flood the hold with water and this was done.

At present, the cause of the fire and the nature and extent of the damage can only be surmised.

One of the most recent of British-India additions to the Hongkong service, the Talma was built in 1923 by Hawthorn, Leslie and Co. Ltd., of Newcastle. She has three decks, a cruiser stern and wireless. Her gross tonnage is 10,000 and net 6,164. Arriving here on Tuesday afternoon, the Talma had on board 51 European and 682 Asiatic passengers; her manifest comprised 2,797 tons for Hongkong and 5,904 tons for other ports. The crew includes 15 British and 175 others. The Talma was due to leave, with the mail, for Shanghai to-morrow, but her departure has been postponed.

"SWISH."

MADELINE ROSSITER'S FIRST NIGHT.

CROWDED HOUSE.

A packed audience greeted the re-appearance of the Madeline Rossiter Company at the Star Theatre last night when they presented "Swish." Many who failed to secure seats had to be content with standing room, but this proved no discomfort with the excellence of the items provided by this talented troupe.

Without in any way praising the individual members of the Company, which has already earned a name as entertainers of the highest class, those who have not visited the Star Theatre are advised to go there for the remaining few nights of the Company's season, when they are sure of a feast of enjoyment from a medley of songs, dances and burlesques.

To-night the company offer "Pierrot Pie."

MARINE MISHAPS.

STEAMER MEETS ROUGH WEATHER.

MORE DERRICK JUNKS.

While on its way to Hongkong from Kobe, via Daiyang, the Koan Maru (agents, M.B.K.) experienced very rough weather between March 21 and 24. Some deck cargo has been damaged.

The President Madison from Seattle reports the death of a Chinese passenger, 46 years of age, from abscess of the liver. Owing to the fire on the Talma, the Madison, on arrival here, had to keep away from the Kowloon wharf and, accordingly, anchored in the harbour.

The derrick junks were sighted by the British steamer Wing Hong, which has just arrived here from Hongkong. The position of one was Lat. 20.6 N., Long. 111.4 E. and that of the other, Lat. 20.9 N., Long. 110.5 E.

There was a case of measles during the journey here of the s.s. Glenorm Castle from Southampton, via Singapore.

SIR EDWARD STUBBS.

No further news of the movements of H.E. the Governor has been received since Along Bay was reached, but it is known that after his visit to Hanoi, the seat of administration of the French Protectorate by way of Hiphong, he was to proceed to Hue, the capital of Central Annam where an official call was to be made on Emperor Khai-Dinh.

Dalat, the health resort, and the ruins of Ankor are also down on His Excellency's itinerary, which will conclude on April 10, when the Andre-Lebon will be boarded. Hongkong being reached, it is anticipated, on April 13.

The master of the steam launch Indo was fined \$10 at the Marine Court this morning for infringement of the harbour navigation rules. For not having certificated engineers on board while under way, the coxswain of the Kwong Hui and the Sze Lee were fined similar amounts.

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SPORTS CABLES

HOME FOOTBALL

DUNDEE AND CELTIC IN
FINAL.

SCOTTISH CUP.

(Reuter's Service.)

Edinburgh, March 25.
Re-playing here in the semi-final
of the Scottish F. A. Cup, Dundee
defeated Hamilton by two goals to
nil.

[Dundee, therefore, qualify to
meet Celtic in the final on April 11.
Celtic have won the coveted trophy
on ten occasions and Dundee once
(in 1900-10).]

LEAGUE RESULTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 25.
Results of league football matches
played to-day (home team given
first) are as follow:

THIRD LEAGUE (SOUTH).
Brighton.....4. Aberdeen.....1.
Bournemouth.....1. Exeter.....1.
THIRD LEAGUE (NORTH).
Hartlepool.....2. Nelson.....4.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
Queen's Park.....2. Falkirk.....0.
Raith Rovers.....0. Rangers.....4.
[By winning away from home,
Rangers enhance their prospects in
the League as will be seen in the
appended tables.]

LEAGUE RESULTS TO DATE.

The position in the English and
Scottish Football Leagues, up
to and including March 25 is as
follows:

DIVISION I.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Hudders.	17	5	12	57	24	46	
West Brom.	17	8	7	51	30	45	
Wich A.	17	6	15	58	33	45	
Newcastle U.	17	8	9	61	30	43	
Bolton W.	17	6	13	48	41	43	
Bury	17	6	7	55	44	41	
Liverpool	17	13	4	47	37	37	
Sunderland	17	13	5	53	44	39	
Tottenham H	17	11	4	47	37	37	
Birmingham	17	10	7	37	41	35	
West Ham	17	12	8	48	47	34	
Manchester C.	17	12	5	64	30	33	
Notts County	17	11	12	30	26	33	
Cardiff City	17	13	10	45	43	32	
Sheffield U.	17	12	12	41	49	32	
Blackburn	17	9	13	40	48	29	
Burnley	17	10	8	42	60	28	
Aston Villa	17	8	11	42	54	28	
Arsenal	17	12	7	4	28	44	28
Everton	17	9	16	9	33	27	
Leeds U.	17	15	12	36	47	26	
Preston N.E.	17	9	22	2	31	24	
Nottingham F.C.	17	6	20	7	24	19	

DIVISION II.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Derby	17	7	6	37	41	35	
Leicester	17	6	7	81	29	47	
Manchester U	17	7	7	48	21	45	
Chelsea	17	8	12	46	30	40	
Wolverhampton	17	12	5	45	40	37	
Port Vale	17	11	5	38	41	35	
Portsmouth	17	10	8	41	44	35	
Hull City	17	13	12	8	46	34	
Clapton O.	17	12	13	9	35	33	
Bradford C.	17	12	12	37	32	32	
Southampton	17	10	12	30	30	32	
Middlesbrough	17	9	11	14	30	32	
South Shields	17	9	11	13	36	34	
Stockport	17	11	14	9	31	43	
Fulham	17	11	13	9	33	46	
Oldham	17	10	15	10	27	45	
Wednesday	17	12	18	5	39	52	
Cry Palace	17	11	15	7	34	35	
Blackpool	17	12	10	5	40	46	
Barnsley	17	8	16	9	38	55	
Stoke	17	18	8	24	40	24	
Coventry	17	9	18	6	40	74	

DIVISION III.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Swansea	17	6	9	57	27	43	
Bristol C.	17	9	8	44	27	42	
Swindon	17	8	8	51	20	42	
Plymouth	17	9	7	53	42	41	
Exeter	17	10	7	53	38	41	
Newport	17	9	8	51	33	40	
Northants	17	13	3	44	33	39	
Brighton	17	14	13	8	44	36	
Millwall	17	13	9	12	47	35	
Southend	17	13	4	43	42	36	
Charlton	17	12	11	10	35	34	
Gillingham	17	11	13	10	30	32	
Reading	17	12	12	7	30	24	
Watford	17	12	15	7	20	33	
Norwich	17	9	12	11	39	40	
Luton	17	7	14	4	39	51	
Bristol R.	17	10	14	8	35	39	
Queen's P.R.	17	10	15	8	33	49	
Aberdeen	17	11	12	5	39	53	
Bournemouth	17	10	16	8	29	45	
Brentford	17	11	12	6	30	78	
Merthyr	17	7	21	5	29	56	

DIVISION III.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Darlington	17	5	7	68	23	49	
Nelson	17	3	20	2	62	35	
Bradford A.	17	15	8	11	71	30	
Southport	17	17	8	7	47	27	
N. Brighton	17	10	10	6	64	44	
Rochdale	17	16	11	0	60	38	
Lincoln	17	16	13	6	52	48	
Ashington	17	13	13	9	62	59	
Cleve	17	11	11	12	45	54	
Barrow	17	11	12	4	64	51	
Chatterley	17	11	12	4	60	53	
Hull	17	12	12	3	64	41	

THREE WOMEN

LAST SCREENING THIS
EVENING.

Showing for the last time this
evening at the Coronet Theatre is
the big feature "Three Women,"
which has been drawing large
"houses" since Monday. "Three
Women" has excited so much
verbal praise from those who
have already seen it, that time
would be largely wasted in re-
capitulating its merits. Suffice
it to mention again, then, that
"Three Women," besides present-
ing an intensely dramatic story,
including a sensational murder,
offers some splendid acting,
members of the notable cast being
May McAvoy, Pauline Frederick,
Marie Prevost, Lew Cody and
Willard Louis, accomplished
players who need only the excel-
lent staging and skilful filming
to translate their efforts into a
screen achievement of the first
order. "Three Women" was
produced by the celebrated pro-
ducer, Ernest Lubitsch and comes
from the famous Warner
Brothers' studio. Altogether it
is thoroughly worth seeing.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Margaret Leahy, English beauty
contest winner, who plays opposite
Buster Keaton in his first six-reel
Metro feature comedy, "Three
Ages," which comes to the Queen's
Theatre to-day, says she likes
comedy better than drama and in-
tends to remain in it for some time.
Miss Leahy won the beauty contest
in competition with 50,000 English
girls.

According to Buster Keaton,
Miss Leahy has shown great ability
for comedy drama and gives promise
of becoming the screen's foremost
comedienne.

"It will not take Miss Leahy long
to show the world that she has
marked ability," Keaton declared
recently. "I am fully convinced
that this English beauty will be
ranked among our prominent stars."

[With Buster Keaton and Miss
Leahy in the cast of "Three Ages"
are such prominent players as
Wallace Beery, Joe Roberts, Lillian
Lawrence, and Horace "Cupid"
Morgan.]

"Three Ages" was directed by
Buster Keaton and Eddie Clive
from the story of Jean Havez, Joe
Mitchell and Clyde Bruckman, Fred
Gabori was art director. It was
photographed by William McGann
and Elgin Lessly.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Airdrieonians	23	4	6	78	30	52	
Hibernians	23	2	6	76	36	51	
Rangers	23	2	3	8	56	22	
Partick T.	23	14	11	9	57	37	
Celtic	23	15	11	7	62	42	
Cowdenbeath	23	15	13	0	68	62	
Raith R.	23	11	13	9	49	53	
Hamilton A.	23	15	6	2	50	51	
Dundee	23	12	14	7	41	50	
Aberdeen	23	10	12	10	41	46	
Heart of Midlothian	23	14	10	10	57	63	
St. Mirren	23	13	14	4	53	50	
St. Johnstone	23	13	10	51	62	30	
Morton	23	11	15	7	38	60	
Third Lanark	23	10	17	8	47	68	
Kilmarnock	23	10	16	8	46	61	
Motherwell	23	9	14	0	50	51	
Falkirk	23	9	16	7	38	42	
Queen's Park	23	9	17	7	40	64	
Ayr United	23	8	19	7	40	65	

HOME TURF.

FLAT RACING SEASON
OPENS.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, March 25.
At Lincoln, the Lincolnshire
Handicap (one mile) resulted as
follows:
Tapin 1; Grave Fairy 2; King
Willow, 3. Twenty-six starters.
Won by four lengths; half a length
between second and third.

Starting prices were: 9-1
against Tapin; 33-1 against Grave
Fairy; 40-1 against King Willow.

OXFORD'S WIN.

INTER-VARSITY GOLF
RESULT.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, March 25.
At Histon, in the Inter-
Varsity golf match, Oxford beat
Cambridge by 9 matches to 5.

LOCAL SPORT

FOOTBALL

YESTERDAY'S LEAGUE
MATCHES.

HUMBERSTONE'S THREE.

[By "Dutchie."]

Yesterday's league results
were:

First Division.

Surreys.....5 R.A.....0

Second Division.

Club Res.....8 University.....0

Senior Match.

Played at Sookpoo the first
division game between the
Surreys and the R.A. was of a
very poor order. The Gunners
were without several of their
regular players and suffered
defeat by five goals to nil. The
game opened with the Surreys
attacking and within seven
minutes they were two goals up.

Humberstone scored the first,
amidst a very confident appeal for
off-side, and Whittington had the
misfortune to put into his one
goal when attempting a clearance.

Eaton headed a third goal just
before the interval from a nicely
placed corner by Peckitt who was
deputising for Macklesworth.

In the second half, with the
wind against them, the Surreys
were not so much in the picture
and the Gunners had several
chances to score but held on too
long and were deprived.

Humberstone was responsible
for scoring the Infanteries' two
goals in this half, but like his
goal in the first half, one was very
doubtful.

The teams were:
Surreys:—Douglas; Cooper,
Jordan; Peckitt, Mitchell, Bris-
tows; Charlesworth, Eaton,
Humberstone, Butler and Peckitt.

R.A.:—Clayton; Whittington,
Dolbear; Lucock, Reade, Viccars;
Harris, Christie, Bradley, Sowter
and Harwood.

Referee:—Mr. Tovey.

Club Res. v. University.
This game was played on the
Club ground, the University only
being able to field ten men. They
managed, however, to keep their
opponents out in the first half and
should have been the first to score
after the interval, several good
shots just missing.

Ferguson opened the score, hav-
ing only Braga to beat, but he
easily netted.

University were now further
handicapped by one of their play-
ers being carried off with cramp.
Roberts added a second goal for
the Club and just before full time,
Bell sent over a dropping shot that
completely deceived Braga and
entered the net.

The teams were:
Club Res.:—Garrard; Lyon,
Hanlon; Richmond, Railton, Pun-
cheon; Bill, Roberts, Hill, Fergu-
son and Dixon.

University:—H. Braga; G.
Scully, H. C. Hung; T. L. Tan,
S. P. Loh, A. Sulaiman; T. K. Lee,
J. W. Barnes, A. P. Gutierrez, E. K.
Jap and T. J. Lee.

Referee:—Mr. Andrew, R.N.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

KOWLOON V. VARSITY.

On Saturday, the Kowloon C.C.
in a first league cricket fixture
with the University, will be
represented by:—H. Overy, B.
Petheram, J. C. Lyle, F. Goodwin,
A. W. Ramsay, S. Jex, K. R.
Macaskill, Geo. Lee, A. R. F. Raven,
J. C. Fletcher and L. A. R. Duncan.
Play will commence at 2 p.m. on
the Kowloon ground.

FAR EAST OLYMPIAD.

HONGKONG TO PLAY FOR
CHINA.

South China Athletic have once
more been honoured by being
selected to provide the team which
will represent China at association
football in the Far East Olympic
Games to be held at Manila in
May.

SWIMMERS CHOSEN.

Leung Sui-man, Leung Tit-ang
and Tong Tang-chiu, all well-
known Hongkong swimmers, have
been chosen for the aquatic events.

BILLIARDS TOURNEY.

Playing in the first round of the
Billiards Championship at the
V.R.C. last night, Ip Ping-lau
defeated Ch. K. K. A. Yuen-
chun by 500 points to 475. The chief
breaks were 107, 135, 135, and
100.

Ip Ping-lau, who won the
second round on April 1, will be
opposed by P. Yuen-chiu in the
third round. The match will be
played at the V.R.C. on April 3.

NAIL CARGO CASE

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ONLY NINE MORE DAYS LEFT IN THE POPULARITY CAMPAIGN.

With but nine days remaining in the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald" Campaign, every contestant is working hard for the last few subscriptions necessary to win the prize. The general public has shown genuine interest in the Campaign ever since its opening and it goes without question that it will now render the final support to the energetic contestants who are drawing near to their goal. The number of prospective winners of prizes is greatly reduced, and it will be reduced still more with the elimination of all who are not qualified by turning in at least one bonus.

Contestants are again requested to note that all ballots issued on subscriptions must be in the ballot box before 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, or they will not be counted. It makes no difference how many millions of votes a candidate may have received if these vote ballots are not duly put in the ballot box they will not be counted.

The last count of votes for publication will be made on March 31. After that the ballot box will be sealed and only a slot will remain to receive all the ballots up to 6 p.m. on April 4, when the slot will be sealed and the box turned over to the judges for the final count at the Hongkong Hotel.

The final bonus offer of 100,000 extra votes for each total of \$100 subscription money received closes this week Saturday, March 28. While subscriptions will be received up to 6 p.m. on April 4, there will be no bonus votes on subscriptions turned in after Saturday, March 28.

Turn in every subscription as soon as you receive it so as to secure the extra votes which may be the deciding number to win the prize.

The tally of standings of the contestants is not changed in the paper today, but the count will be made this afternoon and the changes published to-morrow.

OUR GREAT MOTOR CAR CLUB.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THOSE WHOSE NAMES HAVE BEEN ENTERED AND WHO HAVE BEEN VOTED FOR AS THE MOST POPULAR PEOPLE IN HONGKONG. THE LIST IS CHANGED THREE TIMES WEEKLY—MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYS.

Name.	Votes.
Miss D. Wicheell—Cox's Path, Kowloon	2151750
Miss Rose Lau—59, Caine Road	2035880
Miss Elsa Ecn da Silva—Thoresen & Co.	1734650
Alec. B. Allan—H.M. Naval Yard	1693480
Miss Mimi Alves—6, Carnarvon Building, Kowloon	1463900
Mrs. Molly D. Lee—5, Shelley Street	1397750
W. E. Van-Epps—Brown-Jones & Co.	1394730
Mrs. E. E. Ellis—Hongkong Hotel	1392090
H. Choa—Equitable Eastern Bank	1385240
Miss G. Ellis—10, Ice House Street	1250260
Basil Fung—4, West End Terrace	1075510
Mrs. C. J. Roe—2, Observatory Villas	1001710
Miss R. Mow Fung—Gilmán & Co., Ltd.	882320
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\$120,000 FINE. ALLEGED CUSTOMS UNDER-PAYMENT.

MONEY FOR MILITARY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkai, Kowloon, March 25. Four (native) Customs brokers have been detained at Police headquarters as the result of an order from the Superintendent of Customs, Canton, to examine the brokers' books. A fine of \$400,000 was imposed for alleged under-payment to the Customs, but was afterwards reduced to \$120,000. Mr. Hilliard, Commissioner of the Customs, is stated to have protested against the levy of the fine as a contribution to the local war coffers instead of to the Customs.

His force reduced through the departure of two subordinates (with their respective commands) to the war area, General Leung Hung-kai is recruiting several regiments and has ordered the local arsenal to turn out ammunition for the new regiments.

Ex-Admiral Chan Chak is expected back here as inspector of the five districts under General Leung Hung-kai, with several small gunboats and other armed craft. He is at present attending Dr. Sun's memorial ceremonies at Peking.

Premium on Hongkong bank notes, following the recent embargo, has risen to 80 per cent.

SHANGHAI QUOTATIONS.

The following, kindly supplied by Messrs. J. Gould & Co., were the opening quotations on the Shanghai Market this morning:

114 Buyers.
112 Buyers.
117 Buyers.
100 Buyers.
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N. Engineers.

CANVICTS CAUGHT.

ONE MAN STILL AT LARGE.

Two of the three convicts who recently broke out from the prison at Macao have been captured with the co-operation of the Chinese authorities in the territory adjoining the Portuguese Colony, says a vernacular paper.

One was serving a sentence of twenty-five years for a life charge and the other seven years for armed robbery.

AFTER FACTS.

AMERICA AND ARMS TRAFFIC.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, March 25. The State Department has instructed its representatives throughout the world, including the Orient, to ascertain facts regarding the traffic in arms which might be helpful to the United States in view of the proposed conference at Geneva.

NEW FLOATING DOCK.

REPORTED AUSTRALIAN OFFER.

(Reuter's Service.)

SYDNEY, March 25. It is reported that the New South Wales Government has offered to build a floating dock at Walsh Island.

SEVERELY BURNED.

A motor vehicle serving as a breakdown truck of the Kai Tak Motor Bus Company was set ablaze this morning by the ignition of gasoline which was being poured into the tank. It is believed that some of the oil came into contact with the hot engine and then ignited the fire. The man who drove the vehicle was severely burned and is now in hospital.

ARABIAN REBUFF.

IBN SAUD REFUSES TO SEE VISITOR.

WHITEHALL SECRETS.

The news of the fall of Jeddah is not confirmed. This leaves Arabia, therefore, still in the situation of having its holy places in the hands of the Mahdike Moslems of Ibn Saud, Sultan of Nejd, while the Hashimite dynasty still holds out at Jeddah, with its back to the sea. The British Government is in an awkward position in this Arabian muddle. It is not generally known that several British airmen left England under contract to join or lead the forces of King Ali of the Hedjaz—who succeeded after the abdication of his father, King Hussein—against the Wahabites outside Jeddah. The airmen seem to have reached Cairo, but were there prevented by official action from completing their contract. The Foreign Enlistment Act was invoked, and as the airmen were reserve officers this was all the easier.

Similarly contracts for arms were annulled, passing, it is understood, to Italian firms.

All this action is in accordance with law normally, but the special engagements binding Great Britain to King Hussein might, if known, place matters in a somewhat different light. But they remain in the keeping of Whitehall.

If help has been withheld from King Ali none has been given to Ibn Saud. That dignity has not proved quite so malleable as was perhaps hoped. He refused an audience some time ago to a traveller who, though unofficial, carried some amount of British prestige. The truth appears to be that the policy of the Colonial Office has made Great Britain unwanted in Arabia, where once she was a preponderant power. All interest was lost deliberately in King Hussein when he refused to conclude the ignominious Anglo-Arab treaty, which amounted to accepting the suffocation of the rights of the Arabs of Palestine. When Mecca fell correspondence from Jerusalem to the *Vossische Zeitung* put the position with exemplary clearness: "The ablest of the Arab princes has tried to create a great Arabia but has failed and Jerusalem rejoices."

It is significant of the times that the red flag has been flying in Jeddah over an improvised Russian mission, which has tentacles in Port Said and is presenting Britain as the enemies of the Moslem throughout the Near East.

THE RIGHT TO KILL.

LOVER SHOT TO PUT HIM OUT OF AGONY.

Mlle. Stanislaw Uminka, a young Polish actress, was acquitted by the Paris Assize Court on the charge of murdering her lover, a Polish poet named Zysnowski.

There had never been any doubt about the verdict, and both the judge and the prosecuting counsel spoke in gentle tones to the weeping girl, who had shot her lover, who had undergone months of agony from cancer and had been pronounced incurable by the most eminent French specialists.

Mlle. Uminka, who was dressed in black, was given a chair in the witness-box. She related how Zysnowski had entreated her to put an end to his sufferings.

"I refused as long as he had a chance of being cured," she said, "A week before the tragedy the doctors made their last attempt to save him by transfusing my blood into his veins, but it did not bring him sleep, and so, overpowered by the sight of his agony, I shot him."

THE JUDGE'S SYMPATHY. And then the girl broke down and sobbed. The judge waited until she had recovered, when, in paternal tones, he assured her of his deep sympathy.

The Public Prosecutor prefaced his remarks to the jury by stating that he envied the role of Maitre Henri Robert, the defending counsel. He continued:

"I have no stern plea to put before the jury. Mlle. Uminka did wrong because ethics and also the Christian religion forbid us to put an end to life, but still I would not say a word which would add to her mental anguish. All I wish to say is that if the jury bring in a verdict of acquittal, it should be a verdict of acquittal, not as a ratification of right to kill. Let Mlle. Uminka leave the court assured of our respect and sympathy, but let there be no application of such a tragedy."

"I loved his life more than my own, and that is why I killed him," were Mlle. Uminka's last words before the jury retired to deliberate.

SUBMARINE ENGLAND.

A MEDIAEVAL TOWN BENEATH THE WAVES.

Judging from the reports from all round our coasts, the winter of 1924-5 is likely to be confronted with a very black record of coastal erosion, writes Basil Digby, F.R.G.S., in the "Daily News." Torrential rainfalls and spell after spell of raging gales have brought down the white, black and sandy walls of Old England at scores of places. In most instances only a few yards of undermined land have toppled into the sea, but a few yards this year, a few feet next, mount up steadily as the decades pass.

As late as 150 years ago the coast of Suffolk, instead of veering away again toward the West, south of Lowestoft, bore out still further east forming a bold cape on which stood Easton Buvant, the most easterly village in England. There is still a tiny Easton Buvant, half-an-hour's walk north of Southwold, but it is a couple of miles further inland than it was before it had to retreat, furlong by furlong, hard pressed by the sea. Now, once more, it finds itself right on the coast. Corbithie, too, is two miles behind its former site, and Southwold too.

A SHIPWRECKED CITY.

All of what was Orwell, and much of Harwich and Walton-on-Naze lie under the North Sea and out under the sea now lie the ruins of that proud mediaeval city, Dunwich, with its 52 churches, royal palace, mint, and flourishing shipping institutions. So does the once busy town of Shipden, that existed two miles beyond Cromer beach. The sea swallowed up Shipden in the days of Henry IV., but spared its little suburb, Cromer. Well and truly built the houses who erected Shipden Castle. For century after century it stood, with the sea over its head, and the herbage and flounders swimming in and out of its doors. Many persons now living remember having seen its tower at very low tide.

A belt of England, once towns and tilled fields, has been lost on the coast of Kent, along by Whitstable, Herne Bay and Reculver. Far out at sea, eastward of Herne Bay, lie the ruins, indeed of the palace of Ethelbert, fifth King of Kent, which four centuries previously had been built by the Roman Emperor Severus. Minister Church, on the coast of the Isle of Sheppey, was right in the middle of the Island only 140 years ago.

CREMILING SELSLEY HILL.

England is steadily dropping into the sea between the Reculvers and North Foreland, between Tarn-gate and Egwell Bay, at St. Margaret's Bay, Dover, and Folkestone, as well as east of Hastings and all along the strip between Brighton and Newhaven.

One of the best deer parks in England, a Cathedral, a bishop's palace, and a town used to stand a mile out seaward from Selsey Bill. The erosion there is going on fast, every high tide of a rough sea bringing down many more mouthfuls of the low cliff. The beach is littered with smashed fragments of massive concrete breakwater.

The Isle of Wight has lost thousands of acres within historic times. On a single day, in February, 1709, 100 acres at Niton, slid down into the sea. There is strong reason to believe that the Isle was once only at high tide, in Anglo-Saxon days, and that at low tide men and carts passed to and fro across the belt of single, between Hurst Castle and Totland Bay.

FIGHT WITH THIEF.

INTRUDER HURLED OUT OF WINDOW.

Mr. Ronald Hasler, an English resident of Nice, returned to his home in the early hours of this morning and found a "cat" burglar rifling his bedroom. The French window was open, indicating that the man had climbed up the spout. Mr. Hasler threw himself on the intruder and hurled him through the open window. The man fell 12 feet and hobbled away injured.

Peking, March 25.—The Government have despatched a Memorandum to the Reorganisation Conference, which is holding informal meetings daily in recess, as regards the organising of a national financial readjustment committee to settle the problems between the Central Government and the Provinces. Courtesy of the "Daily Bulletin."

Tokyo, March 25.—Japan's representatives at the Inter-Labor Conference are: Mr. Bunji Suzuki, pro-Labour; Mr. Eiku Morioka, for the Government; and Mr. Katsuo Matsuo, for the capitalists. The above are proceeding to Geneva on board the "Kashima Maru" on the 26th inst. Courtesy of the "Daily Bulletin."

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Third Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company Limited, will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of April, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1924, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 2nd to the 8th April, both days inclusive.

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FIGHTING IN HONAN.

(Reuter's Service.)

PEKING, March 25. It is reported from Honan that General Kan Yu-kun's troops lodged a counter-attack against the forces of General Hu Ching-yi at Luangmen on March 19. The attack was defeated and the two armies are now facing each other at Mienchih. Heavy fighting is not expected as both are short of ammunition.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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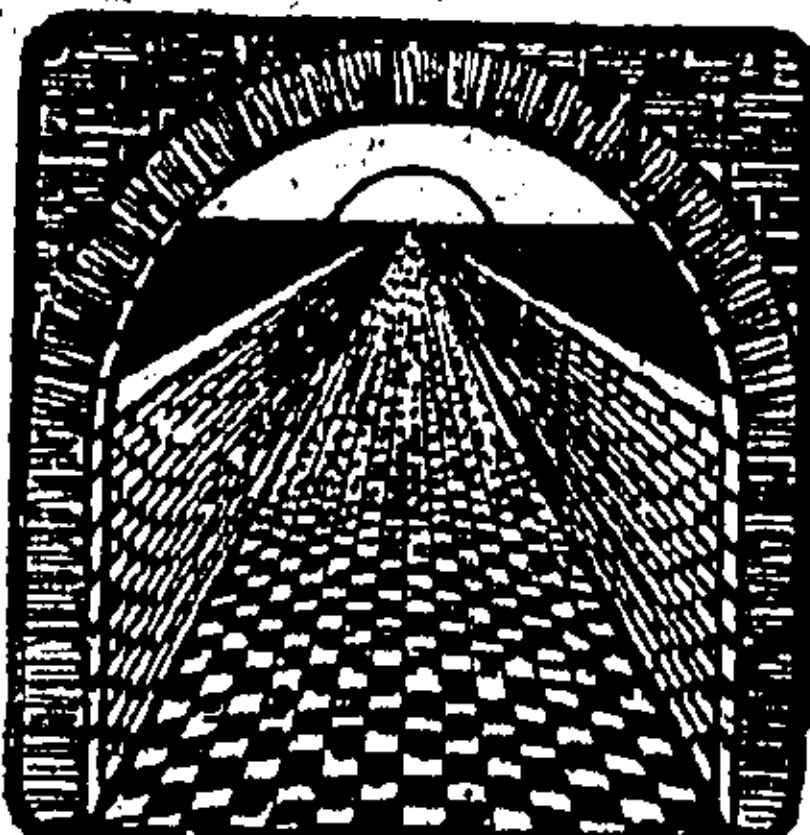
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Manchester Guardian Commercial for February 19 is devoted to British Malaya.

It is notified in Volunteer Orders that the field day on March 29 is cancelled.

Tingtau is getting ready for the summer holiday season. This favourite northern resort is well known to a number of Hongkong residents.

The public swimming baths at Shanghai proved very popular last year, especially on the introduction of mixed bathing, states the report of the Health Commissioner.

The silk shipped per s.s. President McKinley which sailed from Hongkong on February 27, arrived at New York on the 21st inst., having been 22 1/2 calendar days in transit.

The third ordinary yearly meeting of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., is advertised to be held in the offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., on Wednesday, April 8, at 11 a.m.

At the Shanghai Mixed Court 91,696 criminal cases were dealt with during 1924 there being 2,271 sessions, both criminal and civil. There were 126 inquests, while all classes of serious crime such as murder, robbery, manslaughter, etc., showed big increases.

For the purpose of defining the constitution of the local branch of the Nationalist Press Association, a general meeting of members and intending members will be held in the Sanitary Board Room, top floor of the P. O. Building, at 5 p.m. on Monday, 30th inst.

An ex-Chinese official and his wife have been fined \$240 and \$400 for cruelty to a slave girl at Shanghai. The female prisoner is alleged to have poured boiling water on the girl's chest and legs, pulled her hair out with an iron hook and beat her about the hands and face.

Looking backward nearly 30 years, says Shanghai's Health Commissioner, there is good reason for pride that a standard of Public Health, relatively so high, has been achieved in Shanghai without compulsory powers. It has come about by educative tact and persuasion, and sometimes by acts of benevolent despotism, but mainly in virtue of the enlightened sympathy and willing help of the people.

Manila had two tourist boats in port on the same day—the President Garfield and the Empress of France.

The 18th ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in Messrs. Gande Price & Co., Ltd., is to be held on Friday April 3.

The office of the governor general in Manila received from the American consul general at London, a report of the death of Pedro Andara, a Filipino, in a hospital in Hamburg, Germany, on September 3, 1924. No reference is made in the report to relatives of the deceased in the islands.

For the 24 hours ended Tuesday one case of small-pox was notified. Also one of diphtheria, one of enteric fever, one of cerebro spinal fever, and one of puerperal fever. All these cases were Chinese with the exception of the case of diphtheria which was Swiss.

Notice is given that the annual general meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Automobile Association will be held in the Association's Registered Office, Chater Road (Hongkong Club Annex), on Monday, March 30, 1925, at 5.30 p.m., to pass and adopt the Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1924, and to elect Officers, etc.

An appeal on behalf of the Dominion Artists' Club (London) has been made by Dame Nellie Melba, president of the club. She points out that conditions for young artists in London are very difficult. More than 150 Dominion Artists have joined the club and are working hard for those who need a helping hand. A hotel and premises are urgently needed. Donations may be sent to the Secretary, Room 334, Australia House, Strand, London, W. C. 2.

In his report on the Shanghai Volunteers, Colonel W. F. L. Gordon, Commandant, states that the strength of the Corps at the end of 1924 was 1,695, a record figure, but he adds that he will not be satisfied until 2,000 has been reached as this number is necessary for the defence of Shanghai. He presses for the appointment of a regular Adjutant and urges that consideration be given to a definite scheme of Settlement defence in view of the growth of the Settlement and suburbs. He hopes that provision for a hutted camp at the Rifle Range will be proceeded with during this year.

Mr. Frank Adam of Arbroath bequeathed \$500 to the Malaya Boy Scouts Association.

"I have never made a shilling out of my lectures on Spiritualism," says Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. "Every penny above expenses has been given to the cause. I left my Australian profits for missionary work there. It is well-known to Spiritualists that I have never taken anything for myself. On the contrary, I lose thousands of pounds yearly through the diminution of literary output."

Shareholders of the Yangtze Insurance Association, at an extraordinary meeting held at the company's offices, No. 26 the Bund, Shanghai, sanctioned the proposal for amalgamation with the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., there being only one dissentient voice. Mr. John Prentice presided at the meeting and was supported by Messrs. Brodie A. Clarke, A. W. Burkill, C. J. Scott and H. E. Arnold, Directors, and Mr. C. M. G. Burnie, General Manager. Shares represented totalled 91,253.

According to the Paris correspondent of the "Sunday Express," Mr. J. F. Ballard, the millionaire banker of St. Louis, has arrived in Paris on his second journey round the world in pursuit of antique rugs. He has presented 120 of the 300 rugs collected to the New York Metropolitan Museum, this gift being valued at \$100,000. "A friend wrote to me a year ago," he said, "that the boy ex-emperor of China was in need of ready money, and I jumped at the opportunity of securing an imperial rug which I had desired to possess for seventeen years. I went to China and obtained the rug for \$2,400."

Brigadier-General C. D. Bruce, addressing the Central Asiatic Society, on February 20, at the Royal United Services Institution, said China was a riddle which very few people could now read. There was nothing, he said, that the Chinese could not do if they would, but the will was wanting, at any rate, as far as Western ideas were concerned. A serious problem in China to-day was the activity of the Bolsheviks there. Their agent in Peking sought and was working to overturn, where ever he could, the old civilisation of China and to close the door, as far as possible, to every other nation in China. If any progress was to be made in China it would have to be made through Chinese mentality and Chinese psychology.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. A. L. Taylor of Arts and Crafts, Shanghai, is a visitor to the Colony.

Mr. P. W. Massey, of Messrs. Holyoak, Massey & Co., is a visitor to the Colony.

Another enjoyable performance of "The Gondoliers" was given at a Matinee in the Theatre Royal yesterday.

Major J. C. L. Hingston, R.A.M.C., has handed over the Military Hospital, Kowloon, to Captain R. A. Watters, I.M.S.

Dr. J. A. Urquhart returned to the Colony by the Empress of Russia. Other passengers on this steamer were Dr. and Mrs. Asger, and Mr. A. Gibbison.

Mr. S. Howard, of Messrs. Thornycroft and Co., and Mr. P. A. Cox, Assistant Oriental Manager of the Canadian Pacific, arrived in the Colony by the Empress of Russia.

Messrs. Frank Austin of Messrs. S. J. David and Co., D. C. Clark, B.A.T. Co., and Ex. Thomas of the Union Insurance Co., were passengers on the incoming Empress of Russia.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. David Edgar Morgan, engineer, H.M.S. France, to Miss Ethel Martha Smith, nurse at the Government Civil Hospital; Mr. Daniel Jesus Ribeiro of the Hongkong Electric Company, to Miss Agnes Jesus Fernandes, of No. 3, Garden Terrace.

Members of the Manila Scotch community gathered to honour their illustrious countryman Sir Harry and Lady Lauder. The function took place at the residence of Mr. J. Kennedy, manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank who turned over his attractive place of Ul-Uli for the occasion. The wives and families of local Scotchmen lent grace to the party which took the form of a garden

Mr. J. H. Taggart, returned to the Colony by the Empress of Russia.

Madeline Rossiter and party arrived by the Empress of Russia. They opened at the Star Theatre last night.

Mr. J. W. Mennell is passing through the Colony on the way to Manila. Mr. Mennell is a prominent Shanghai resident.

In a paragraph in a Manila paper Sir Harry Lauder is referred to as Lord Lauder. In the same paragraph he is described as Sir Harry but the pen, a few words later on, gets back to Lord.

"On the 27th ult. writes the 'China Mail' Chefoo correspondent, we had the pleasure of congratulating Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nipps on the birth of a son. Mr. Nipps is the local Secretary of the Chinese Y. M. C. A.

Says the 'China Mail' Chefoo correspondent: One of our local Chinese papers recently announced the wedding of a Chinese of 48 to a young girl of 12, and commenting on same made the following rather amusing statement that 'the pair are not suited, due to the bridegroom being too aged!'

At the election of officials for the current year of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Mr. Li Pok-kuai, the chairman, did not seek re-election. The following were elected: Chairman, Mr. Li Yau-tsun, vice-chairman, Mr. J. M. Wong, treasurer, Mr. Li Wing-kwong, assistant treasurer, Mr. Chan Yue-ting, executive committee, Messrs. Fung Sing-shan, Chan Sing-ai, Li Yau-tsun, P. Leung, Li Cho-ting, Li Sing-ai, Wong Yew-ting, Leung Kwan-cho, Wang Yik-chung, Chan Pui-chung, Lau Tak-yee, Chan Hing-cho, and Chan Yik-chung.

Freemason members of the tourist ship California were given a reception during the boat's stay in Manila.

Captain E. W. Morris, D.S.O., Indian Army Service Corps, has assumed command of the Hongkong Mule Corps vice Conductor C. Whitley, Indian Army Service Corps.

A picture of Mrs. Beale who took the name part in the Hongkong A. D. C.'s production of "Saint Joan" appears in a recent issue of the London "Daily Graphic."

The following appointment was made by the Admiralty on February 12.—Surgeon Capt. H. J. Chater, to Tamar, add. (March 1); and to Tamar, add. for R.N. Hosp., Hongkong (from date of joining).

The Committee of the Shanghai St. Patrick's Society received congratulatory telegrams from branches of the society in Hongkong, Tientsin, Tsingtao, Chungking, Kobe and Yokohama. In connection with the Ball Mr. H. E. Fenton's dancing, as an 'Irish quirk,' was 'one of the most attractive numbers of the evening.'

Commander Sir Thomas Fisher, general manager of the Atlantic lines of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd., died suddenly in a nursing home in London on February 22, at the age of 71. During the war he was valuable staff work at the Admiralty. Sir Thomas was born in 1854 at Wolverhampton and entered the Britannia in 1877. He served in China during Boxer Rebellion, later with the Mediterranean and Home Fleets, and in various capacities since during the early days of the war. Later he assumed charge of the department dealing with neutral shipping. He retired from the Navy in 1920, when he took up the general management of Canadian Pacific.

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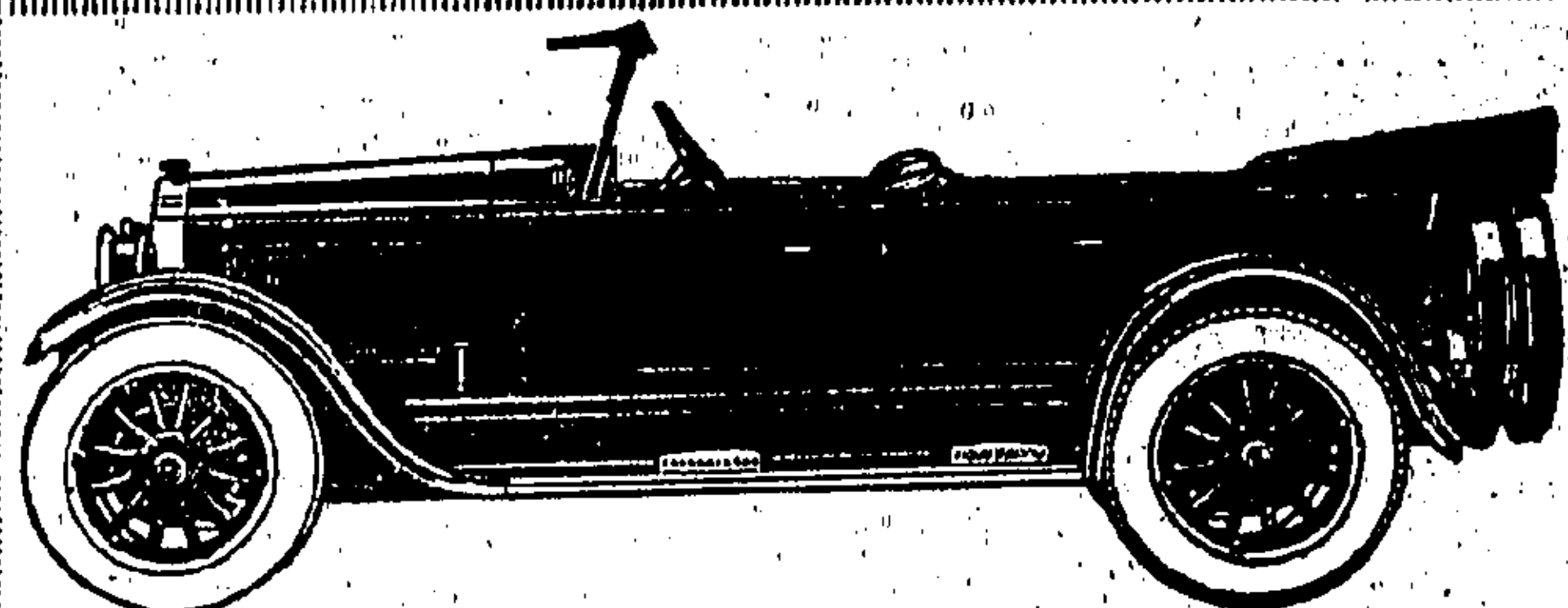
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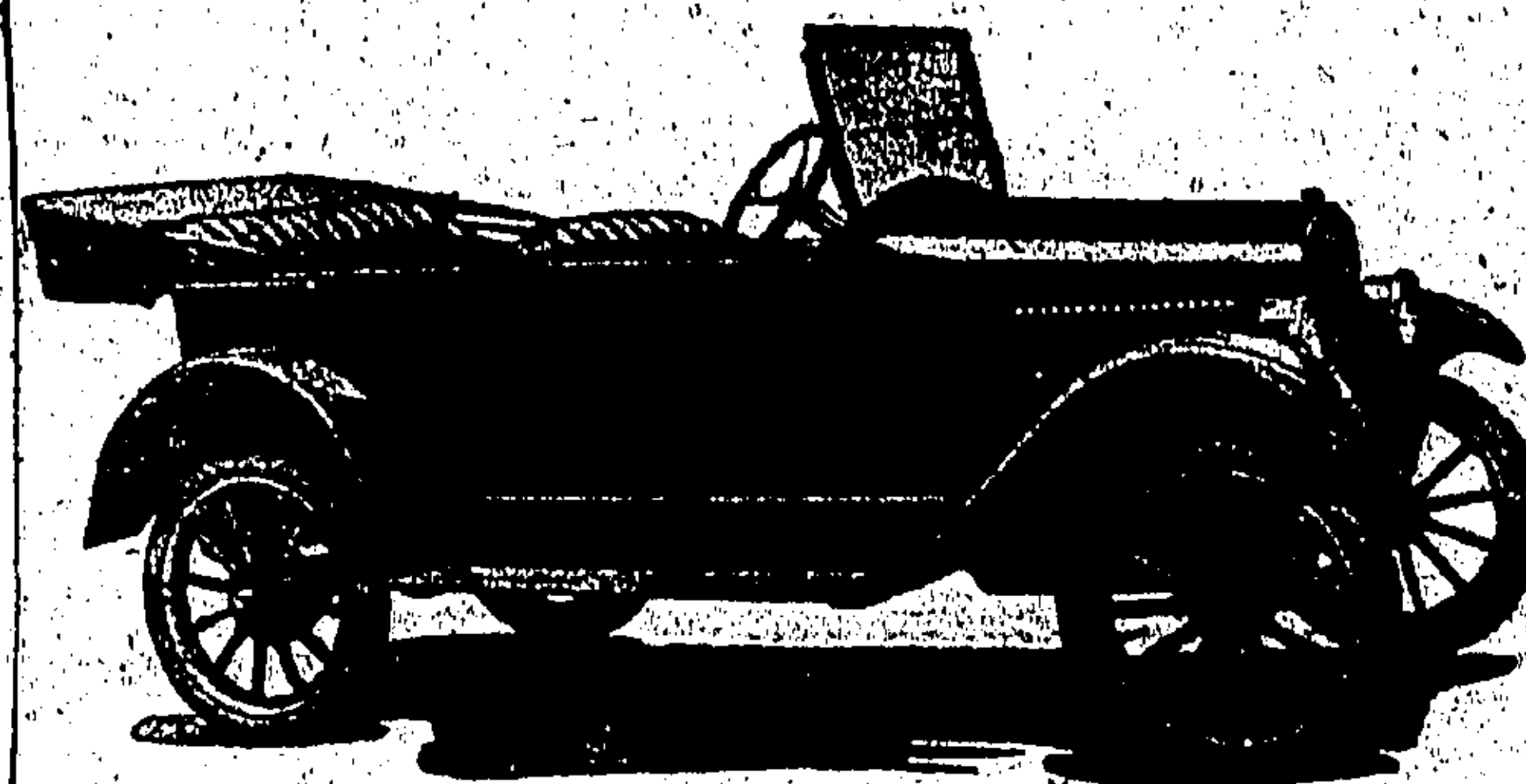
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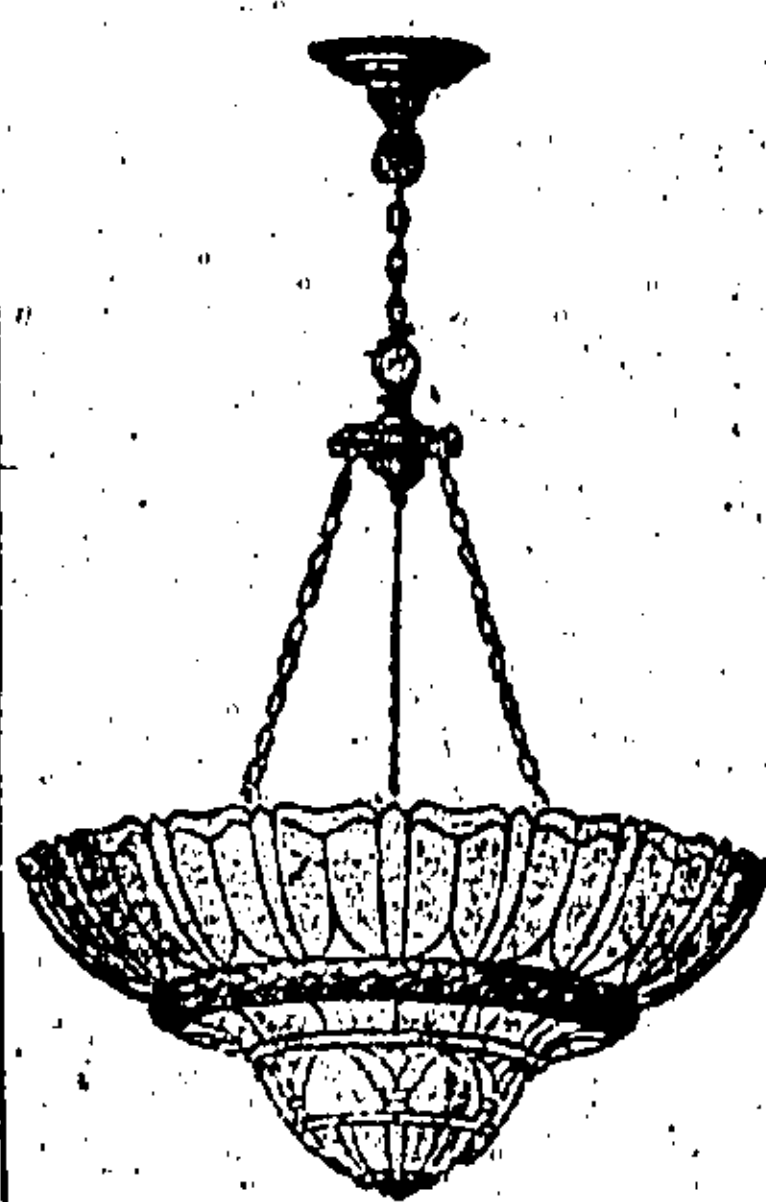
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THE CLOSING.

Promptly at 6 p.m., on April 4, the Campaign will close in the office of the Campaign Department, Yee Sang Fat Building. All contestants in the office at that hour will be waited on and votes dropped in the ballot box. The box will be sealed and turned over to the judges who will take it to the Hongkong Hotel where the count will be made.

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The count of votes and awarding of prizes will take place in the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel, beginning at 9 p.m., April 4. As soon as all votes have been counted, the judges will immediately award the prizes. Contestants must be present or have a representative present in order to select the prize desired. Every contestant is requested to appoint one person to act as judge.

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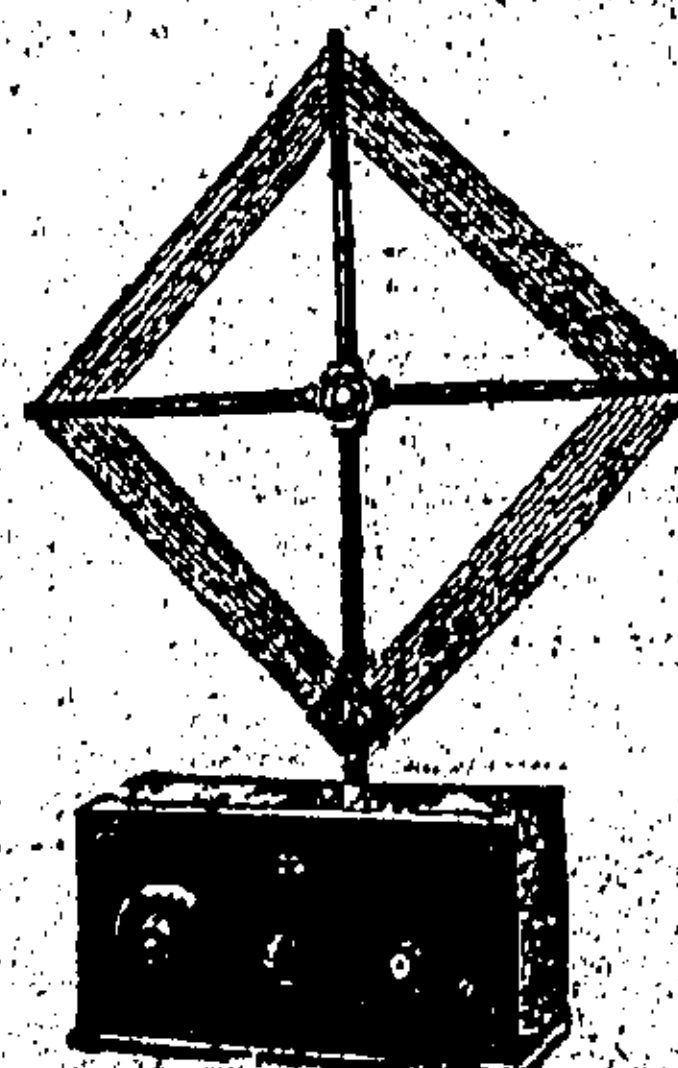
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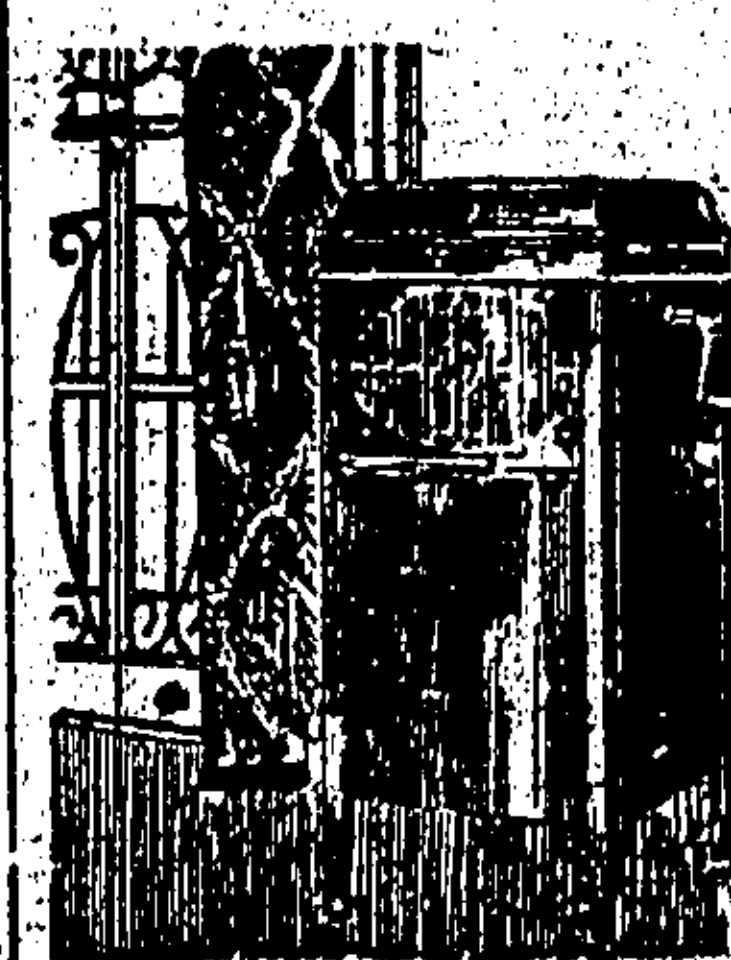
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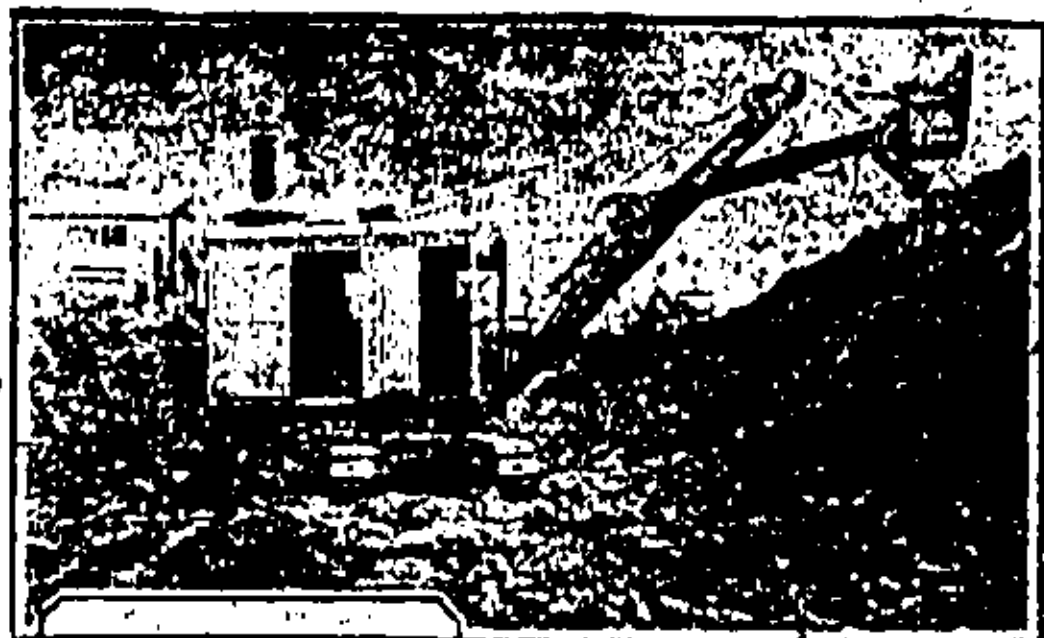
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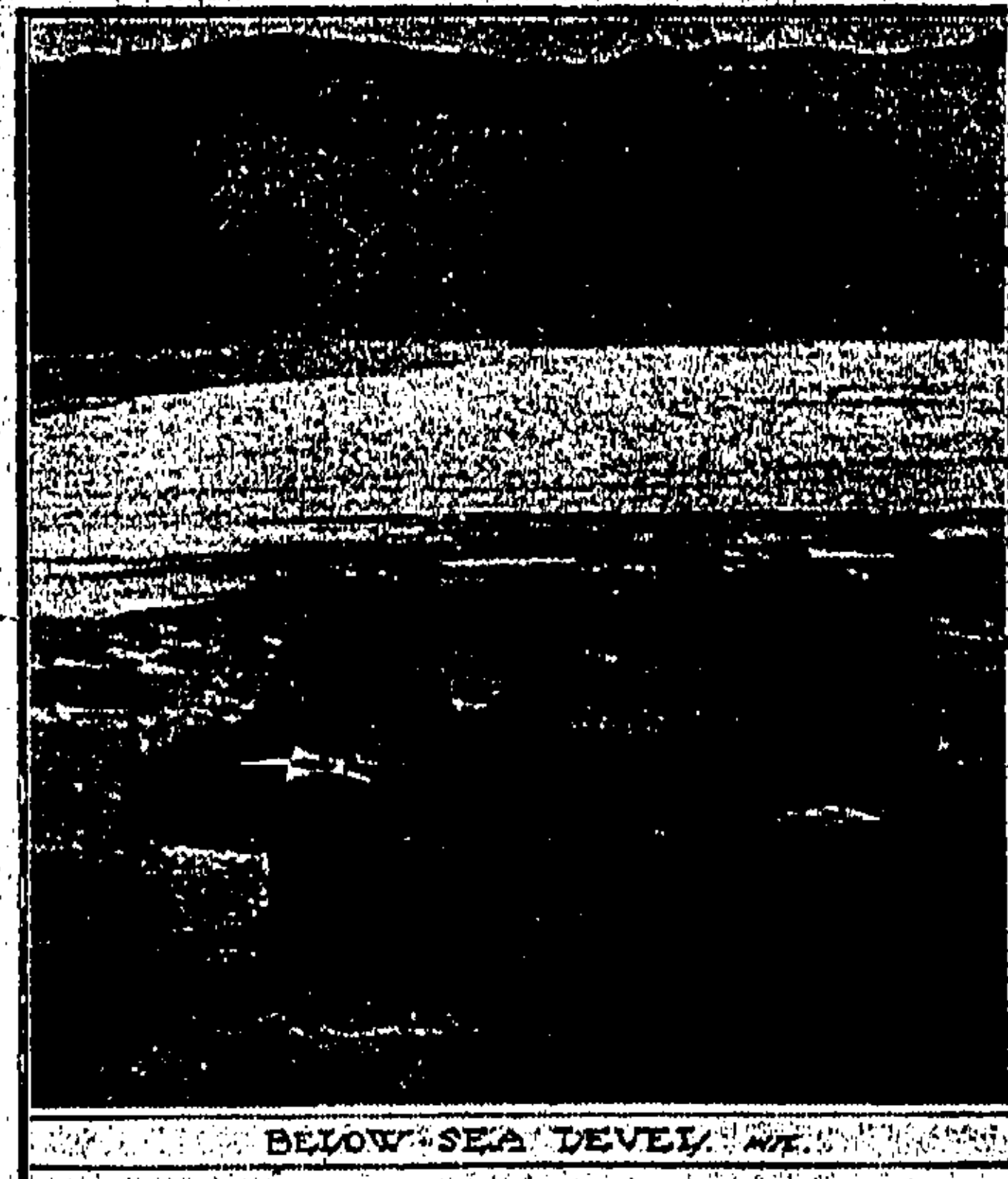
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Gains Coronet



LADY PEELE

Beatrice Lillie, English musical comedy star, awoke one morning to find that overnight she had become Lady Peel, of Drayton Manor, Tamworth, English. Her husband's father, the fourth baronet, had died during the night.

AFTER DOG TEAM PRIZE



TOD KENT

Tod Kent, twice winner of the annual dog Derby will vie with Omer Zarr, 17-year-old champion, and "Smoky" Gaston in the final husky races over ice and snow. Prizes totalling 2500, as well as possession of the famous cup, for which the racers have competed for several years, will go to the winner.



EDDIE CANTOR

Eddie Cantor, leading comedian, was photographed in a police court, where he was haled when he sang at a charity match. He was charged with violating the Sunday blue laws.



The question of Paavo Nurmi's diet on the day any race is definitely settled by this picture, the first for which the Finnish flyer has consented to pose at table, showing him eating the one meal he permits himself on the day of a race. A long sleep is followed by five slices of well buttered white toast, with two cups of coffee, followed by a rest almost up to the period of the race.



MARY HALL

Urban Ledoux, known as "Mr. Zero" for leading workless hordes into churches to sleep, announced blithely that he was to marry Miss Mary Hall, actress. But Miss Hall came right back and said she admired "Mr. Zero's" work, but that marriage was out of the question.



STRETCHER FOR COLLINS

Here is a member of the rescue squad working to free Moyd Collins from Sand Cave, Cave City, Kentucky. He is shown with the stretcher that was constructed to be lowered into the cave and bring Collins out as soon as the mining party could dig its way to the imprisoned explorer.

Alaska's Head.



GEORGE A. PARKS

George Alexander Parks, an engineer in the Department of the Interior and stationed in Alaska, has been appointed by President Coolidge to become Governor of Alaska at the expiration of the term of Governor Scott Bone. Parks said he wondered if he would "swing the job," but was assured he was the man best fitted for the post.



The police are investigating the strange story of Alka Thompson, 17-year-old girl, who confessed to the poisoning of eight persons and the killing of three others. Her twin sisters were victims of the alleged poisoning. She said she killed them because "she liked to see them die."

BRINGING UP FATHER.



